

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-10 are pending. Claims 12-18 have been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to applicants' Response to Restriction Requirement of September 24, 2004. Claims 11-18 have been cancelled herein.

Applicants' Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

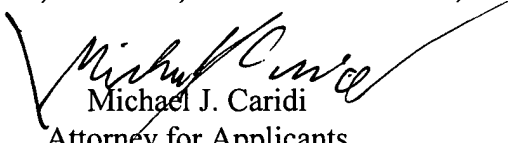
Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hasegawa et al. (U.S.P. 6,452,274) in view of Matsunaga et al. (U.S.P. 6,559,548). As noted above, applicants have cancelled claim 11 herein. Applicants respectfully submit that pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §116(b)(1) the application has been placed in condition for allowance.

If, for any reason, it is believed that this application is not in condition for allowance, Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number below to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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